



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY**

### ***Chelsea*, with USCG document #224464**

In accordance with RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 79.100, the vessel *Chelsea* (vessel), with USCG document #224464 has been declared derelict, as that term is defined in RCW 79.100.010(5). Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to take custody of the above named vessel on **April 30, 2010**. After obtaining custody of the vessel, DNR is authorized to use or dispose of it as provided in RCW 79.100 without further notice.

To retain custody of the vessel, before **April 30, 2010**, the owner must 1) pay the costs associated with DNR's actions to date, 2) provide DNR with proof that he has a legal moorage or storage location to take the vessel to and the means to get it there, 3) has made repairs to the vessel to make it seaworthy, 4) meet any USCG requirements such as an inspection or tow plan, and 5) actually remove the vessel from the facility once the vessel is released by DNR.

To redeem the vessel once DNR has taken custody, the owner must file a written request for a hearing with DNR's Aquatic Resources Division at 1111 Washington Street SE, PO Box 47027, Olympia WA 98504-7027. The written request can be submitted immediately after receipt of this letter, but cannot be filed any later than the twentieth day after the date of custody, which will be **April 30, 2010**. The right to a hearing is deemed waived if a request is submitted late, and the owner is liable for any costs owed to DNR.

The costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by DNR during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. In the event of litigation, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

DNR reserves the right to pursue any other remedies available under law.

For more information regarding this action, contact the Derelict Vessel Removal Program at (360) 902-1574 or [DVRP@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:DVRP@dnr.wa.gov).